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SUBJECT: SKYLAB AND FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

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1. SUMMARY: FONOFF REQUESTS ORBITAL PARAMETERS FOR U. S. SPACE FLIGHTS WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE DURING FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS PRIOR TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, ALLINE AND DE KERROS OF QUAI NUCLEAR AFFAIRS SECTION CALLED IN SCIENCE OFFICER TO ANNOUNCE THAT FRANCE INTENDS CONDUCT NUCLEAR TESTS AT MURUROA WHEN WIND CONDITIONS BECOME FAVORABLE. AS PREVIOUSLY, HE DECLINED PROVIDE TEST DATES, THIS YEAR REFUSED EVEN DEFINE PERIOD DURING WHICH TESTS MIGHT BE CONDUCTED, CONFINING HIMSELF TO ABOVE REFERENCE TO SEASON WHEN WINDS ARE FAVORABLE. NEVERTHE- LESS HIS QUESTIONS AND REMARKS LEFT NO DOUBT THAT THIS INTERVIEW CONSTITUTED ABOUT ONE- MONTH NOTICE AND THAT FRENCH CONCERN IS PRIMARILY FOR FIRST SKYLAB FLIGHT.

3. ALLINE SAID TESTS WOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE ATMOSPHERE, THEREFORE ONLY RISK FOR ASTRONAUTS MIGHT BE FLASH FROM TEST. PER INSTRUCTIONS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, EMBOFF REMINDED ALLINE OF POSSIBLE

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DANGER FROM APPARENTLY LITTLE UNDERSTOOD NUCLEAR TEST- GENERATED
ELECTRO- MAGNETIC PLUSE. ALLINE NOTED THIS REMARK WITHOUR COMMENT.

4. ALLINE THEN REQUESTED FOLLOWING DATA FOR MANNED SKYLAB FLIGHTS:

1) LAUNCH DATES AND TIMES; 2) PREDICTED ORBARTICIPATING IN ERTS
EXPERIMENTS. ALL ERTS IMAGERY IS IN PUBLIC DOMAIN.
IMAGERY IS TAKEN OVER GENERAL AREAS SELECTED BY EXPERIMENTERS.

NONE OF OUR BILATERAL
ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS
ON DATA DISSEMINATION OR ACQUISITION. SOME OF THE LEGAL
ASPECTS OF REMOTE SENSING FROM SPACE ARE ABOUT TO BE
REVIEWED BY THE UN WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING, A SUB-
SIDIARY ORGANIZATION OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE, BUT
IT IS THE US POSITION THAT OUR PRESENT PRACTICES WITH
RESPECT TO ERTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE OUTER SPACE
TREATY. FURTHER BACKGROUND COVERED IN REFAIR.

3. FYI. FOR POLICY REASONS US CANNOT ACCEPT FOREIGN
RESTRICTIONS ON ACQUISITION OF DATA FROM SPACE OR
DISSEMINATION OF SPACE- ACQUIRED DATA. HOWEVER, WE
HOPE THAT GOA' S SECURITY CONCERN MAY BE ALLAYED, AT
LEAST FOR PRESENT, BY FACT THERE WILL BE NO ERTS IMAGERY
OVER AFGHANISTAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS OWING TO CONSIDERATIONS
PARA 1 ABOVE. END FYI.

4. SUGGEST POST LIMIT DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT TO POINTS
ABOVE. GOA COMMENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED THROUGH DEPARTMENT
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